

BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization

Tuesday, November 22, 2022

Fort Myers Collaboratory

2031 Jackson Street,

Fort Myers, FL 33901

10:00 a.m.



Meeting Minutes

Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order

The in-person meeting was called to order at approximately 10:00 a.m. by BPCC Chair Teresa Lewis.

Agenda Item #2 - Roll Call/Introductions

MPO staff recorded the roll as those in attendance introduced themselves. There was a quorum.

Those in attendance included:

From the BPCC

Carl Karakos	City of Fort Myers
Clarissa Diaz	LeeTran
David Wagley	Lee County Department of Community Development
David Wheaton	Member-at-Large
Dawn Huff	LeeTran
Henry Burden	Member-at-Large/Vice-Chair
Ian Sikonia	Lee County Port Authority
Lee Waller	Lee County Parks and Recreation
Simone Behr	Lee County VCB
Syndi Bultman	Lee Health Trauma Services
Tarrita Brown	Transportation District of Lee County Schools
Teresa Lewis	Member-at-Large/Chair
Tom Marquardt	Lee County Department of Transportation
Tracey Thornton	Lee Health Trauma

Others in attendance included Ron Gogoi with the Lee County MPO; members of the public including Barry Freedman and Tom Rubbelke; Kristin Caruso and Michael Wilson with Scalar; and LCSO detail Deputy.

Agenda Item #3 - Public Comments on Items on the Agenda

There were no public comments on items on the agenda.

Agenda Item #4 - *Amendment of the April 26, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Ron Gogoi explained this agenda item was being presented to amend the April 26, 2022 meeting minutes to include a link to slides provided under public comment. The BPCC discussed the purpose of the meeting minutes, recording of meeting available, request from member of the public to have slides included in minutes, use of Robert's Rules of Order, uncertainty of ability to amend approved minutes, setting precedent, suggestions for motion wording, guidance on procedure, involving MPO legal counsel, following Robert's Rules and remaining in compliance, and tabling the item.

This item was deferred to the next meeting to allow time for MPO staff to consult with MPO legal counsel.

Agenda Item #5 - *Approval of the August 23, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Carl Karakos made the motion to approve the August 23, 2022 Meeting Minutes. Mr. Henry Burden seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #6 - Report on the Lee MPO SUN Trail Priorities

Mr. Gogoi provided a report on the Lee MPO Board action on the SUN Trail Priorities. He explained that timing constraints, urgency in the adoption of the priorities, and the BPCC meeting schedule required staff to take the priorities to the Board for approval prior to BPCC review and recommendation. He presented the list of adopted SUN Trail priorities. He also provided an update on the 2024 – 2028 Florida Greenways and Trails Plan and Maps update and how the proposed changes would impact the existing SUN Trail Route in Lee County where it meets the Collier County line. The BPCC discussed the study area of the Caloosahatchee Downtown Multimodal Alternative Study, the need to consider the more direct SUN Trail alignment using US 41, the County's road improvement project on Littleton Road from Kismet Parkway to US 41, the ongoing design build project to install a 8' sidewalk on the US 41 Caloosahatchee Bridge, Sun Trail pathway standards, retrofitting the US 41 bridge, current bridge conditions, long-term bridge replacement and the anticipated time frame, bike ped improvement options available for existing bridge, lane diets, and preparing for Micromobility. The presentation can be found at the following link: [SUN Trail Priorities](#)

Agenda Item #7 - Burnt Store Road PD&E Study Presentation

Ms. Kristin Caruso with Scalar presented FDOT's Burnt Store Road Project Development and Environmental (PD&E) Study. The presentation included slides with information on project description, project background, main design considerations, project alternatives, evaluation matrix, public involvement, project timeline, transportation project development process, action items, and contact information. The BPCC discussed planned bicycle lanes, existing conditions, SUN Trail network, lane markings between cars and bicycle lanes, pavement markings, reflective lane markings, marking requirements, project alternatives and advantages/disadvantages of each, stormwater management, availability of information on project website, treatments of driveways, number of driveways along project, use of slip ramps, bridge options and clearance, potential crossings, access management resolution of Lee County, turning movements out of Burnt Store Marina area, right-of-way acquisitions, environmental impacts, and conservation land in the area. The Burnt Store presentation can be viewed here: [Burnt Store PD&E](#)

Agenda Item #8 - SR 739 Corridor Improvements Presentation

This agenda item was deferred to the next meeting.

Agenda Item #9 - LeeTran Bus Stop Accessibility and Transition Plan

Ms. Dawn Huff with LeeTran presented the LeeTran Bus Stop and Facilities ADA Assessment Plan. The presentation included slides with information on ADA purpose, study purpose, study objectives, minimum ADA bus stop requirements, signage requirements, bus stop examples photographs, transit facilities photographs, data collection, weighting and prioritization, results, costs, implementation plan, and conclusion. Following the presentation the BPCC discussed LeeTran's existing mobility-on-demand services, future mobility-on-demand areas, bus stop changes and eliminations, population changes and need to assess routes/stops, transit development plan updates, study to integrate platforms, mobility-on-demand ridership requirements, paratransit service, timeframe and length of processes, funding, local ADA compliance example, working towards ADA compliance, LeeTran budget, priority of ADA plan, applying for hardship, and removal of bus stops when all planned mobility-on-demand projects are operating. The LeeTran presentation can be viewed here: [LeeTran ADA Assessment Plan](#)

Agenda Item #10 - LCPA Airport Presentation

Mr. Ian Sikonia with the Lee County Port Authority (LCPA) presented an update on LCPA activities. His presentation included slides with information on the history of LCPA and the airports they operate, current outlook of RSW, construction project updates, RSW Master Plan update, and contact information. During the slide presentation, Mr. Sikonia played a video on the ongoing terminal expansion project which can be viewed through the link on slide fourteen of the presentation. The BPCC discussed Spirit airlines, bicycle lanes along Chamberlain Parkway, planned bicycle path, impacts on schedule from Hurricane Ian, status of runway project, and project video. The LCPA presentation can be viewed here: [LCPA Updates](#)

Agenda Item #11 - FDOT/MPO/Local Agency Updates

Ms. Syndi Bultman mentioned an upcoming press conference. Mr. Carl Karakos explained a project along McGregor Boulevard which was briefly discussed by the BPCC.

Agenda Item #12 - Public and Member Comments on Items not on the Agenda

Mr. Barry Freedman provided public comment and a [handout](#) regarding the Lee MPO's ongoing Bonita Estero Rail Trail Feasibility study. The BPCC discussed a local example in Fort Myers. Mr. Gogoi provided a brief update on the Rail Trail study. The BPCC then discussed school zones and drop-off/pick-up locations, providing feedback from the school district at a future meeting, state guidelines, and school routes.

Agenda Item #13 - Topics for next meeting

Topics for next meeting included the Rail Trail study report and Chair/Vice-Chair elections.

Agenda Item #14 – Announcements

There were no announcements.

Agenda Item #15 - Information and Distribution Items

The information and distribution items included articles on e-scooters, shared mobility, and micromobility. The articles can be found at the following staff report link: [BPCC Articles](#)

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:00 p.m.

An audio recording of the meeting can be accessed at the following link: [BPCC November 22, 2022](#)

*Action Items *May Require Action

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